



William Blake

2nd Bishop in Center Creek ¹¹⁰¹

WILLIAM AND MARY BLAKE



William and Mary Lake Blake were born in beautiful Devonshire, England, and as young people heard the missionaries of the LDS Church, and believed their message. They met again in Utah several years later and were married in the Endowment House October 2, 1871.

The first seven years of their married life were spent in Salt Lake, and Wanship, Summit County, where the first four children were born.

In the spring of 1878 they arrived in Center Creek in an ox drawn covered wagon. William homesteaded 160 acres of land on which they settled. They built a small house in which to live, and proceeded to clear the land. It was a slow job with a grubber, but they were true pioneers and never gave up. When the family grew larger, William and the boys did some canyon work getting out logs and sawing them to mining timber. These they sold to some of the Park City mines. William also operated a creamery and grocery store, where he and his neighbors could market their milk and eggs. He hauled the produce every week to Park City market, and returned with store supplies.

The other eight members of the Blake family were born and reared in Wasatch County. Their home was usually filled with neighbors and friends enjoying games and group singing with William at the organ.

William served as Bishop of the Center Ward for about four years before moving to Provo Bench, where he could educate his children at BYU.

The Blake family loved their neighbors in Center Ward who were all so kind and helpful.

*Bishop William Blake and
his wife gave the plot of
ground to Center Creek
Residents for the burial of
their dead.*

*He was 2nd Bishop of
Center Creek*

The plot measures